

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Chang et al.  
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For : **DUAL FUNCTIONING EXCIPIENT FOR METAL  
CHELATE CONTRAST**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first office action and before calculation of fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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